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1. At the 24 August "cadres" meeting of the Schaerbeek Section, Brussels Federation, of the Belgian Communist Party, the Political Secretary, Victor Haest, announced that the Section was deeply in debt and no funds remained in its treasury. Each member was solicited for two months' dues in advance, and a subscription list was circulated to the members present. The minimum contribution was fixed at 25 francs, but each "cadre" was taxed 100 francs. One cause of the lack of Section funds is the monthly support of 1100 francs demanded of each of its Sections by the Brussels Federation.
2. On 26 October the "cadres" meeting was held to discuss preparations for the Communist fete scheduled for 13-14 November. So far one hundred and fifty tickets have been sold by the Schaerbeek Section. Last year seven hundred tickets to a similar celebration were sold. The Section is pledged to furnish fifty-four volunteer workers for the fete at which refreshments will be for sale, but only a very few members had offered their services. Therefore, the Committee is charge of arrangements divided the jobs among the various groups within the Section.
3. Other matters were brought up at the 26 October meeting.
  - a. Section members were urged to send numerous petitions to the United States Embassy, protesting the treatment of the twelve American Communists. Five postcards and one letter of protestation were turned in at this meeting for mailing, and the Terdelt group sent a telegram.
  - b. All members were invited to attend a general patriotic demonstration on 1 November. Communist war veterans or prisoners of war would form at Place Liedts and march together to Place Colignon.
  - c. One new member, Robert Bauwens, was introduced to the "cadres" who were present. He had been recruited by the Brussels Federation and assigned to the Schaerbeek Section.

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